GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department – Allegations of non implementation of Interim orders of Hon'ble High Court in WP.No.17553/2020 and failed to obey the orders of higher authorities - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against (1) Sri V. Ramalinga Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa now retired from service and (2) Sri V. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa – Inquiry conducted - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.116. **Dated: 21-03-2023.**

Read the following:-

1) From ENC, PR, Vijayawada, Lr.Memo.No.Vig.4/0662/2020-04, dated 15.07.2021.
2) G.O.Rt.No.420, 421 & 422, PR&RD (Vig-II) Department, dated 29.07.2021.
3) Written Statement of Defence from Sri V. Ramalinga Reddy, EE., (Retd.), PRI Division, Kadapa, dt:16.11.2021.
4) Written Statement of Defence from Sri V. Ramachandra Reddy, EE., PRI Division, Kadapa, dt:10.12.2021.
5) G.O.Rt.No.794, PR&RD (Vig-II) Dept., Dated:29.07.2021.
6) From ENC (PR) Vijayawada, Lr.No.Vig(4)/576/2022, dt:26.10.2022 & 28.10.2022 along with Inquiry Report of IO & SE (PR), YSR Kadapa, dated:22.10.2022.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, Government have initiated common disciplinary proceedings under Rule-24 of APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 duly framing the article of charges under Rule-20 of said rules against (1) Sri V. Ramalinga Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa now retired from service and (2) Sri V. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa on the allegations of non implementation of interim orders of Hon'ble High Court dated:01.10.2020 in IA 1 of 2020 in WP.No.17553/2020 filed by Sri M. Sankaracharyulu, AE, PR of Zone-IV (Deemed retired) and also they have failed to obey the orders of higher authorities, resulting in legal complications with a direction to submit their written statements of defence.

2. In the references 3rd and 4th read above, the Charged Officers have submitted the Written Statement of Defence and they denied the charges. Since, the written statements of defence is not convincing, after examining the matter, Government have decided to conduct regular inquiry into the charges framed against them. Accordingly, Government have issued orders in the reference 5thread above appointing the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Kadapa as Inquiry Officer to conduct inquiry against the charges against above (2) Charged Officers, the DEE (PR) V&QC, Sub-Division-II, Kadapa as Presenting Officer present the case on behalf of the disciplinary authority, therein.

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3. In the reference 6th read above, Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Kadapa and Inquiry Officer, has submitted Inquiry Report along with his findings. In the analysis and assessment of the case Sri V. Ramalinga Reddy, EE, PRI, Kadapa (Retired) Inquiry Officer has concluded that (i) after verification of the details it is found that the complications have been arrived due to communication gap and prevailing Covid-19 situations. (ii) It is strongly opinioned that all these were happened due to non submission of family pension proposals by Sri M .Sankaracharyulu, AE., through proper channel and non availability of the individual due to forgery case filed against him vide FIR No.19/2020, Dated:30.01.2020 of the Station House Officer, Kadapa-1. (iii) Due to Pending F.I.R, non communication of individual to the Department and Court case pending, the process of implementing benefits has been delayed. (iv) The Charged Officer Sri V. Ramalinga Reddy, the then E.E.,(Retd.), PRI Division, Kadapa was retired on 28.02.2021 and legal complications arised during the months from March, 2021 to June, 2021. (v) Sri V. Ramalinga Reddy, Executive Engineer (Retd.), PRI Division, Kadapa is obedient to the higher authorities, rewarded many times on the occasion of Independence day, Republic day and on Engineers Day by the District authorities. (vi) At present all retirement benefits in respect of Sri M. Sankaracharyulu, AE were sanctioned, 75% of Provisional Pension was also sanctioned. (vii) The contempt case filed by Sri M. Sankaracharyulu, AE in Hon'ble High Court of A.P, on 05.08.2021 was closed and Hon'ble High Court orders are implemented. (No orders as to costs as the benefits proposals were all are initiated). (viii) There is no financial loss to the Government exchequer in the entire issue. Keeping in view of the above analysis the charge against the Charged Officer **is not proved**. In the case of Sri V. Ramachandra Reddy, EE., PRI, Kadapa the Inquiry Officer concluded that (i) Sri M. Sankaracharyulu, AE(Retd.) has not followed the due procedure in sanction of provisional pension i.e., submission of the proposals in writing along the family member details, signatures and required documents. (ii) After verification of the details it is found that the complications have been arrived due to communication gap and prevailing COVID-19 situations. (iii) It is strongly opinioned that delay in implementation of Hon'ble High Court of A.P, orders happened due to poor attendance of the Establishment Staff due to COVID conditions. (iv) All the retirement benefits in respect of Sri M. Sankaracharyulu, AE including 75% of Provisional Pension is also sanctioned. (v) He is obedient to the higher authorities. (vi) The contempt case filed by Sri M. Sankaracharyulu, AE in Hon'ble High Court of A.P, on 05.08.2021 is closed (No orders as to costs as the benefits proposals were all are initiated) and Hon'ble Court orders are implemented. (vii) There is no financial loss to the Government in the entire issue. Keeping in view of the above analysis the charge against the charged officer **is not proved**.

4. Government, after careful examination of matter, have decided to accept the findings of the Inquiry Officer & Superintending Engineer, PR, Kadapa and to drop further action against S/Sri (1) Sri V. Ramalinga Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa now retired from service and (2) Sri V. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa, in this matter.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against S/Sri (1) Sri V. Ramalinga Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa now retired from service and (2) Sri V. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa, in this matter.

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6. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, shall take further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
(1) Sri V. Ramalinga Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa now retired from service (through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.
(2) Sri V. Ramachandra Reddy, Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Kadapa (through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.
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